

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, FEBRUARY 10—
Last 24 hours' rainfall, 00; Temperature, max.
77; min. 67; Weather, fair.

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Ton, \$98.75; 88 Analysis Beets, 15s 3d; Per
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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1905.

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HONOLULU MEN ARRESTED FOR HELPING REGO

**Two of Them in Custody and the
Koloa Deputy, Spalding, is
Likewise in Oahu Jail.**

There seems to have been something like a hui engaged in the loot of the United States Treasury through the Koloa post-office, with Manuel A. Rego as the directing head and perhaps as the principal beneficiary. However, it is not at all probable that Rego got it all.

Two men were arrested in Honolulu last night by United States Marshal Hendry, charged with complicity in the Koloa postal frauds, and John P. Spalding, who was Rego's deputy post-master, was brought down from Kauai yesterday also in the custody of the United States Marshal. And even this may not be the end.

The two men arrested last night were J. C. Abreu, formerly a clerk employed by Rego in his store at Koloa, and Guilherme Pereira, called also Brilhante, who is a stone mason and Rego's brother-in-law. The warrants upon which they were taken into custody charge them with presenting for payment to a disbursing officer of the United States money orders that had been issued by collusion and fraud.

It seems that the manner of operation of the ring, or hui, was for Rego or Spalding, or both of them, when there was a need of money to carry on Rego's Koloa business or for any other purpose to issue a money order, or a series of them, using the name of some prominent person on Kauai or known to be on Kauai who of course would know nothing about the transaction. This order or orders would be sent to or carried by a trusted agent to Honolulu, and collected at this end. Of course a variant of this system was to send the orders directly to the bank here for collection.

As Rego's credit was good, it was an easy thing in the beginning for him to "kite" the orders, although of course as the deficit grew, it became more and more difficult. It was, in fact, a system that was bound to give itself away sooner or later, and that for more reasons than because there were several people besides Rego who knew the facts.

The warrants for Abreu and Pereira, or Brilhante, were issued yesterday afternoon, and Marshal Hendry had no trouble, or very little trouble in finding Abreu at his place of business, a small store at 1461 Luzo street. The man did not show a great deal of surprise when he was taken into custody, merely saying as the door of Oahu Prison closed upon him:

"Well, that's all right. I only did it for Rego."

Pereira was somewhat harder to locate, and at first it was thought that he was trying to keep out of the way, at least until morning, the supposition being that he desired to wait until daylight, with the hope that he would then be able to furnish bail. Also, it had been said that Rego would go back to Koloa last night to help in straightening out his business affairs, and that he would take his brother-in-law with him. However, it seemed that the man was only out of the way by inadvertence, because he presently was taken into custody.

The two prisoners spent last night in Oahu Prison, where in another part of the building also Spalding was quartered. This young fellow Spalding, a half white, very tall, spectacled, looking much more like a student than a defaulter, was decidedly the coolest man of the four so far arrested for complicity in the Koloa frauds. His wife accompanied him from Koloa when he came down in the custody of the Marshal, and went with her mother and Spalding's mother to call upon him in the Marshal's office yesterday. In the presence of his female relatives, Spalding broke down for the first time since his arrest, mingling his tears with theirs.

Aside from that temporary weakness, he was calm and collected at all times, asserting that Rego and not himself was entirely responsible for the shortage in the postoffice funds. It will be remembered that from the first discovery of the frauds, Rego has blamed his deputy for their existence, and Spalding has blamed Rego.

Spalding was taken before United States District Court Commissioner Judd yesterday before noon, and was held to answer in the sum of \$10,000 upon a charge of defrauding the government by the issuance of a fraudulent money order for \$100 drawn in the name of A. Fernandez. His examination was set for next Monday at 10 o'clock a. m., and in default of bail he was sent to prison. He expressed the hope, however, that he would be able to give the bond. Later in the day he was taken back to the Marshal's office, but was returned to prison at 5 p. m., being unable to find sureties in the amount desired.

Rego made a statement yesterday to the effect that the shortage in Koloa had not been accumulated in only three months. "When the inference is sought to be established that this shortage occurred within the last three months," said Rego, "it seems to me that it is an attempt to lead people to infer that the Postal Department made an examination of the Koloa postoffice books not less than three months ago. There was no examination made three

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RUSSIAN STRIKE IS RESUMED



Kuropatkin.
THE LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF GENERAL KUROPATKIN AND HIS OFFICERS AT RUSSIAN HEAD-QUARTERS IN MANCHURIA.

A recent statement by Count Cassini estimates General Kuropatkin's present force in Manchuria at 350,000 men. A second army of 200,000, commanded by General Gripenberg, is said to be on its way to the Far East, and a third force, 150,000 strong, is expected to reach Manchuria early in the summer, when Kuropatkin will have at his disposal an army of 700,000 men. Now that Port Arthur has surrendered, two-thirds of General Nogi's army, or 50,000 men, have been hurried to the front to reinforce Field-Marshal Oyama, who is still encamped on or near the Sha River in Manchuria.

KINETOSCOPE SHOW ENDS IN CHINESE RIOT

With the collapse last night of a kinetoscope in the Chinese Theater on Liliha street, that famous structure was the scene of a semi-riot in which nearly five hundred Chinamen participated.

The theater was packed and Chinese came striding in even after the kinetoscope machine began to throw pictures on the screen. The lantern was placed in the center of the auditorium and the screen was elevated from the stage.

The pictures showed scenes from the war in the Far East. Things went well for a while and then, all of a sudden, the machine broke down. Then it was like old times, when the Flying Jordans had to fly from the same house under the same circumstances. There was first a rush to smash the machine. Police officers were present and tried to stem the tide of coolies which were bearing down on the luckless operator. A hurry call was sent to the police station, followed shortly by a second, to which Deputy Sheriff Rawlins and nine officers responded in the patrol wagon. When Rawlins reached the theater there was wild disorder. He managed to get inside with several officers and orders were given to clear the house. The Chinese were then clamoring for the return of their money. They surged about the entrance and in the cramped aisles. The crowd was worked out gradually, but not without difficulty, for many Chinese became belligerent and force had to be used with them.

Then came the familiar Chinese cry to rush the police, and the Celestials started back into the building. Rawlins and his men stood their ground and began a counter attack, which was successful. One big fellow in the crowd nearest Rawlins kept rolling up his sleeves and shouting in Chinese, but he never engaged in battle.

Then the mob attempted to wreck the box office. They clamored for their money. They thrust their arms in through the grating over the window, but officers stationed there prevented damage from being done, and finally got the kinetoscope man, the money and the machine safely out of the building.

THE BAND WAGON IS BEGINNING TO MOVE

**Fight for the Speakership of the House is
Shaping Itself as the Statesmen
Gather Here.**

There are eight votes in the Oahu delegation to the House pledged to support W. W. Harris for the Speakership.

Really, it begins to look as if it would soon be possible to follow the route of the band wagon. The statement that there are eight votes pledged to Harris comes from a gentleman who is in a position to know absolutely what he is talking about. Admitting

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St. Petersburg Working- men Resent Injustice and Quit Work--Blood- shed in Poland.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 11.—The strikes have been renewed owing to the failure of the workmen to secure pay for labor done just previous to the strike. Repeated efforts have brought no adjustment of their claims. It is believed that the precautions taken will prevent a repetition of bloodshed.

BLOODSHED IN POLAND.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Collisions between troops and strikers have occurred in Poland. Many have been killed and wounded.

GERMAN TROUBLE RECURRING.

ESSEN, Feb. 11.—Resumption of the miner's strike is probable.

A BAR TO STATEHOOD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The House caucus has decided not to recede from its position on the Statehood bill. It is now deemed improbable that the measure will pass at this session.

THE MANCHURIAN CAMPAIGN.

TOKIO, Feb. 11.—The Russians continue to bombard Oyama's center and left. Small bodies have been repulsed but there is no change in the general situation.

ANOTHER HERMANN INDICTED.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—Attorney Hall Hermann has been indicted for land frauds.

CONKLING DEFEATS SIGOURNEY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Conkling won the billiard tournament, defeating Sigourney.